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Plan Well Ahead

Capacity Crowds at Oceano Dunes SVRA

OCEANO -- California State Park officials announced today that campers without reservations will not be allowed at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area for both the traditional St. Anthony's festivities (August 15-17) and the Labor Day holiday weekend (August 29-September 1).

"If you do not already have a reservation for these two holiday periods, please do not plan to travel to the park for camping," said Superintendent Steve Yamaichi. "You will be turned away unless you have a reservation."

Camping at the dunes has reached capacity every weekend since the Memorial Day holiday. The result: hundreds of hopeful campers without reservations have been turned away at the gates, a situation that park officials hope to avoid in the future.

Park officials annually urge visitors to acquire camping reservations for any planned camping visit to Oceano Dunes SVRA between the Memorial Day holiday period and Labor Day.

Camping reservations can be made up to 10 days in advance of the planned camping visit by contacting ReserveAmerica at (800) 444-7275.

According to Yamaichi, additional camping on a first-come-first-serve basis is also not available. Day use vehicle capacity has been reached as well during the peak season. Entry into the park for day use, particularly during the two remaining holiday periods, is subject to reaching capacity at any time. Day users who stay in the park with their motor vehicles past the 11 p.m. closure and who camp illegally are subject to citation and a fine of \$270.

Entry and/or re-entry into the park for day use cannot be guaranteed. Visitors are advised to plan any trip to the park well enough in advance to avoid an unpleasant experience.

Oceano Dunes SVRA is located on the central coast of California in San Luis Obispo County near Pismo Beach and annually attracts nearly 1.5 million visitors.

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